

In the Specification:

Page 9, amend the paragraph beginning on line 22 to read as follows:

A reference numeral 1 indicates a hermetic container, in which are stored an electromotive element (i.e., a motor) 2 having a stator 2a and a rotor 2b, and a compression element 3 driven by that electromotive element 2. The compression element 3 comprises a cylinder 4, a main bearing 5 and a sub- or auxiliary bearing 6 blocking the cylinder 4 at both end openings thereof, and a retainer insertion portion 6a formed in the sub-bearing 6. This retainer insertion portion or bore 6a, as will be mentioned later, constitutes a portion, into which is inserted a retainer for positioning a discharge valve of the compressor to a discharge port.

Page 10, amend the paragraph beginning on line 1 to read as follows:

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It further comprises an oscillating piston 8, which is rotatably engaged with an eccentric portion 7a of a crank shaft 7 connected to the electromotive element 2 mentioned above, and a shoe 9 having a plane portion slidably abutting on a vane portion 8a of the oscillating piston 8 and a cylindrical surface portion slidably abutting on a cylindrical opening portion 4a of the cylinder 4 mentioned above. A reference numeral 10 indicates lubrication oil stored on the bottom of the hermetic container, 11 a suction pipe, through which refrigerant is sucked into, 12 a discharge pipe through which the refrigerant is discharged, 13 a discharge valve disposed on an end plate 6b of the sub-bearing 6, 14 a discharge port, and 15 a discharge cover for defining a discharge chamber therewith.

Page 11, amend the paragraph beginning on line 26 to read as follows:

Accordingly, force acts upon the valve 17 due to the difference in pressures between those two, so that the valve 17 is suppressed downward. With this force, the seal portion 17a having the curved-surface shape of the valve 17 is pushed down toward the valve seat 18, and they ~~forms~~ form a line-like contact portion forming just a circuit shape or the like, i.e., forming a so-called line contact, thereby maintaining the sealing therebetween.

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